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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Joseph H. Steinmetz et al.  
Application No.: 10/702,137  
Filed: November 4, 2003  
Title: Integrated-Circuit Implementation of a Storage-shelf Router and a Path Controller Card for Combined use in High-Availability Mass-Storage-Device Shelves and that Support Virtual Disk Formatting

Examiner: Woo H. Choi  
Art Unit: 2189  
Docket No.: 35022.001C2  
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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

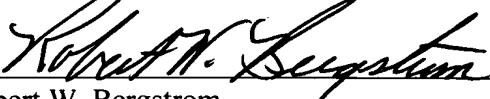
Sir:

Applicant herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated November 3, 2005, from February 3, 2006 to April 3, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$225 to cover the cost of the extension.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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